

SUNSHINE REFORM TASK FORCE

8/17/06

PROPOSALS:

- 1 To prevent conflicts of interest and to expose sources of influence, all contributions to city councilmembers must be made available online for San Jose citizens to review.
- 2 Councilmembers' calendars must be made available (running in real time) online for San Jose citizens to review.
- 3) A cost-benefit analysis must be provided for all projects, activities, and events that seek a public subsidy. The analysis must be provided for public review (online) two weeks in advance of the city council vote. An after-action audit must be performed on all projects, activities, and events that receive a public subsidy in excess of \$25,000.
- 4) The Sunshine Reform Task Force should recommend that the city charter be changed to provide for more accountability in the City Attorney's office. The City Attorney should not represent the interests of city officials and staff at the expense of the interests of the San Jose public. The interests of the people of San Jose should never be compromised. The job description of the City Attorney's office should reflect that principle.

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ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL:

RE: Freedom of Speech

The Mayor of San Jose should be instructed to not interfere with any citizen's right to free expression. On numerous occasions, the Mayor of San Jose has tried to dissuade citizens from applauding during city council meetings.

Applause is a form of speech. It expresses approval and consent. As long as citizens do not deliberately interfere with the business of the meeting, or try to drown out another speaker, applause must be permitted in the people's hall. Freedom of expression is a right guaranteed by the Constitution.

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